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FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES IN THE STATES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by the Government from various States for setting up food processing industries during the last three years, till date;

(b) the number of application cleared/under consideration, State-wise;

(c) the criteria fixed for the approval of such applications;

(d) the time by when such proposals are likely to be accorded approval; and

(e) the financial assistance proposed to be provided to the State Governments for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a)&(b): A statement showing details of State-wise number of applications for setting up, modernization of food processing units received, approved and under various stages of processing is Annexed.

(c): The Ministry processes applications for financial assistance and sanctions grants on the basis of criteria such as submission of application before commercial production, installation of new plant and machineries, appraisal of the project by a scheduled Bank or financial institution for its financial and technical viability and furnishing of relevant documents.

(d): Consequent on decentralization of processing and disbursement of grant under the scheme through banks and financial institutions, the pending applications are being sent to the concerned banks from which the units have taken term loan for sanction and disbursement of grant under the scheme. Necessary funds are also being provided to the banks for disbursement of grant to these units. Depending upon the availability of funds, efforts are being made to clear these long pending applications expeditiously.

(e): The State Governments who have been functioning as State Nodal Agencies for providing an interface between the Ministry of Food Processing Industries and the entrepreneurs are provided Rs.5 lakhs as annual recurring grant and Rs.5 lakhs as non-recurring grant for a period of five years.